

**California Horse Racing Board**

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD****SANTA ANITA PARK AUTUMN MEET  
LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB, INC.**

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**Report for the Week of Thursday, October 24, 2019 through Sunday, October 27, 2019.**

**TUESDAY**  
10/22/19<sup>1</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

Steward Kim Sawyer was in the office on Tuesday morning to oversee program changes for Thursday. We had two panel scratches for Thursday's card and some weight changes.

**WEDNESDAY**  
10/23/19<sup>1</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES and ENTRIES**

Steward Kim Sawyer was in the office Wednesday morning to monitor entries for Saturday's races and program changes for Friday. The office carded a nine race card with 80 entries.

**THURSDAY**  
10/24/19<sup>1</sup>

**ZAYAT FINANCIAL CASES WITHDRAWN**

The financial case (case #19LT0027) against Zayat Stables, filed by Veterinarian Melinda Blue for unpaid veterinarian services in the amount of \$56,571.51, was withdrawn after the debt to Dr. Blue has been satisfied. The financial case (case #19SA0214) filed against Zayat Stables by Robert Mitchell of Bonnie Acres Ranch in the amount of \$14,461.00, has been withdrawn after we received notice that the debt has been satisfied.

10/24/19<sup>2</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey AARON GRyder and RAFAEL BEJARANO accompanied by Jockeys' Guild Western Region Manager Darrell Haire, were in to review Sunday's fourth race (turf) in which they were involved in a Stewards' Inquiry. Mr. Gryder stated that Mr. Bejarano shifted out at the sixteenth

pole causing him to alter course. Mr. Bejarano did in fact drift out, but was clear of Mr. Gryder when shifting out in the stretch. We felt Mr. Bejarano could of have done a better job of maintaining a straight course, but was not worthy of a suspension. We unanimously agreed that Mr. Gryder altered course without sufficient clearance causing the inside horse to clip heels and stumble. Therefore, we issued a five (5) day suspension since it was Mr. Gryder's third offense in the last sixty (60) days. The following ruling was issued:

**LATC RULING #024**

Jockey AARON GRYDER, who rode GO DADDY GO in the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on October 20, 2019, is suspended for FIVE (5) racing days (November 8, 9, 10, 14 & 15 2019), for altering course without sufficient clearance in the stretch and causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules-Careless Riding – third offense in the last 60 days). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

10/24/19<sup>3</sup>

**FORMAL HEARING (case #19LT0001)**

A formal hearing was held this morning regarding case #19LT0001 filed by the CHRB against Trainer OSCAR HEREDIA for violating CHRB rules #1843.5 (g), #1629 and #1887(a). Present at the hearing were Trainer Oscar Heredia, CHRB Investigator Angelica Merz, and recording the proceedings was Court Reporter Linda Cicek. Testifying telephonically were Veterinarians Dawn Hunkin and Stephanie Schmidt. On June 30, 2019, Mr. Heredia's horse "Stay Golden" was entered in the 6<sup>th</sup> race at Los Alamitos. Mr. Heredia's horse was treated with Phenylbutazone (Bute) twice on June 28, 2019, within 1 hour and 20 minutes of each other. This was the result of the Owner Robert Olivas wanting to use his veterinarian to administer the bute, and Mr. Heredia wanting to use his veterinarian to administer the bute. After the veterinarians discovered that they both treated the same horse, they contacted the Official Veterinarian Tim Grande to notify him of the issue. He recommended that the horse be scratched. After hearing all the facts and entering all the evidence into the record, the hearing came to an end. Decision to follow.

10/24/19<sup>4</sup>

**VAN DYKE RULING**

The following ruling was issued when Jockey DRAYDEN VAN DYKE rode a graded stake race in Kentucky on October 19, 2019, while under suspension here in California. Per CHRB rule #1766(g) (Designated Races) Mr. Van Dyke must serve an additional suspension day:

**LATC RULING #025**

Jockey Drayden Van Dyke is suspended for ONE (1) additional RACING DAY (October 26, 2019) pursuant California Horse Racing Board rule #1766(g) (Designated Races – participated in a designated race out of state on October 19, 2019).

10/24/19<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$969.34
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$429.62
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#1 SOPHIE ANTOINETTE- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Grande, injured #4 KHAIRIYA- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Grande, unsound Refund \$3,052.18; Minus Pool \$1,185.25
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 BURN ME TWICE- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Grande, injured #8 SHORT OF EZ - Claimed by A. Meah, trainer (NO SHOW WAGERING) Refund \$296.13
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	#2 ITALIANO - Claimed by V. Belvoir, trainer #4 Conquest Cobra- Claimed by V. Belvior, trainer #8 GETALOADOFTTHIS- Claimed by D. O'Neill, trainer. Refund \$13.30
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	#6 QUITE A STARLETT- R. Fuentes replaces T. Baze, injured. Refund \$27.50
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 SHADES OF VICTORY- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick (NO SHOW WAGERING) Refund \$256.03
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	#7 DAYWOOD- Claimed by J. Metz, trainer #8 BIG BARREL- Claimed by G. Stute, trainer. Refund \$0

10/24/19<sup>6</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,632	\$339,272.98
SCOTWinc	2,862	\$843,086.88
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$3,214,403.55
Total	5,494	\$4,396,763.41

FRIDAY

10/25/19<sup>1</sup>**HEREDIA RULING**

The following ruling was issued in reference to yesterday's formal hearing in which the CHRB filed a complaint against Trainer OSCAR HEREDIA. Mr. Heredia was fined the amount of \$500 dollars.

**LATC RULING #026**

Trainer OSCAR HEREDIA, who was scheduled to start STAY GOLDEN in the sixth race on June 30, 2019 at Los Alamitos Race Course is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843.5(g) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances Permitted After Entry in a Race – Double treatment of Phenylbutazone).

10/25/19<sup>2</sup>**WEIGEL FINANCIAL (CASE #19SA0218)**

The following case against Owner JAMES WEIGEL has been dismissed after we received notice that the debt (\$1,363.79) owed to Equine Medical Center has been paid in full.

10/25/19<sup>3</sup>**STEWARDS' INQUIRY/ACCIDENT/ NO CHANGE (2<sup>ND</sup> TURF)**

We posted the inquiry sign after the running of the second race to review two incidents. The first incident was the start in which the #5 KATLA (J. C. Diaz) ducked in at the 5 ½ turf gap unseating the rider. The second incident involving the third-place horse #6 FLYING BUSINESS (J. Velez) and the fourth-place horse #2 VIA ALPINA (J. Talamo) at the 1/16<sup>th</sup> pole.

The first incident we voted to make no change after we determined that no other horses were involved. In the second incident, the #6 was directly in front of the #2 prior to him steadying. Therefore, no change was made to the order of finish. Both incidents were unanimous.

10/25/19<sup>4</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #2 KYLEMORE- Claimed by P. Aguirre, trainer  
 #3 DUKES UP- Claimed by P. Eerton, trainer  
 #5 CABIN JOHN- Claimed by A. Saavedra, trainer. Refund \$969.34

2<sup>nd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$429.62

3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$3,052.18; Minus Pool \$1,185.25

4<sup>th</sup> Race #8 FIRST IN SHOW- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, injured. Refund \$296.13

5<sup>th</sup> Race #1 MASTER RECOVERY- Veterinarian scratch-Dr. Grande, sick. Refund \$13.30

6<sup>th</sup> Race #2 VOLUBILE- Claimed by R. B. Hess Jr., trainer  
 #8 HARMON- Claimed by V. Trujillo, trainer. Refund \$27.50

7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$256.03

8<sup>th</sup> Race #2 WILD CAT CANYON- C. Garner replaces B. Pena, out of town. Refund \$0

10/25/19<sup>5</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,440	\$476,020.20
SCOTWinc	3,594	\$1,101,557.92
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$3,638,380.91
Total	7,034	\$5,215,959.03

**SATURDAY**  
10/26/19<sup>1</sup>

**DICKINSON RULING (case #19SA0221)**

The following ruling was issued after Owner CHRISTIAN DICKINSON failed to answer to a financial complaint filed by Veterinarian Ronald Magrini for unpaid veterinarian services.

**LATC RULING #027**

Owner CHRISTIAN DICKINSON, having failed to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita Park on October 25, 2019 to answer a complaint regarding case #19SA0221 alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – Dr. Ronald Magrini \$669.00) is suspended pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). Suspension to commence on November 2, 2019.

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of CHRISTIAN DICKINSON are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend and Fine), CHRISTIAN DICKINSON is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

10/26/19<sup>2</sup>

**FORMAL HEARING (case #19SA0206)**

We held a formal hearing this morning to hear case (19SA0206) in which the CHRB filed a complaint against Trainer LUIS MENDEZ alleging CHRB rule violations of #1843(a)(b) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.1(a)(Prohibited Drug Substances), #1866 (Veterinarian's List), and 1887(a)(Trainer Owner to Insure Condition of Horse). Mr. Mendez's horse "LOOKIN FOR REVENGE" tested positive with the drug "Betamethasone" (82pg/ML) on September 14, 2019 at Los Alamitos when his horse was working for removal from the Veterinarian's List. Presenting the case was CHRB Investigator Angelica Merz, Court Reporter Linda Cicek and the Board of Stewards. Mr. Mendez testified telephonically from the state of Utah. Mendez stated he had his veterinarian administer the horse with the drug "Betamethasone" 16 days before working prior to removal of the Veterinarian list and thought it was enough time to clear his system. After hearing all the facts and submitting all the evidence, the hearing came to a close. Decision to follow.

10/26/19<sup>3</sup>

**STEWARDS' INQUIRY/ NO CHANGE (7<sup>th</sup> Race Turf)**

We posted the inquiry sign after the running of the seventh race (turf) to review an incident approaching the 1/16<sup>th</sup> pole in which the winner #5 KEEPER OF THE STARS (A. Cedillo) shifted out causing the #8 HOLLY HUNDY (K. Desormeaux) to steady slightly. After speaking to the patrol judges, jockeys and reviewing the video we unanimously voted to make no change to the order of finish. We believe the winner did shift out but it did not cost the #8 a better placing since he was slowing down and had reached his maximum placing.

10/26/19<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$176.00; Minus Pool \$10,867.52
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$63.00; Minus Pool \$230.60
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#12 SABINOS PRIDE- Stewards' scratch - Also eligible #13 MISS MO' LICIOUS- Stewards' scratch - Also eligible #14 I GIVE UP- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible. Refund \$1,439.18
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$594.68
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	#1 COLOSI- Claimed by D. O'Neill, trainer #3 Blue Skye Jade- Claimed by R. Saldana, trainer #6 MUTINEER- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick #7 POLICY- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick. Refund \$3,908.38; Minus Pool \$823.26
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	#7 BRAZILIAN SUMMER- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Grande, sick #8 HOLLY HUNDY- K. Desormeaux replaces N. Arroyo Jr., personal Refund \$3,871.46
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	#1 APACHE PRINCESS- Stewards' scratch – Stake. Refund \$4,333.92
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	#4 LORD ADARE- Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Grande, sick #6 BIEN PRECIOUS- Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Lamparter, unsound

#8 SAPPHIRE KID- Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Patio, sick  
Refund \$2,764.72; Minus Pool \$1,919.56  
9<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$9,519.52

10/26/19<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	6,895	\$1,119,596.78
SCOTWinc	4,987	\$1,697,880.13
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,967,890.87
Total	11,882	\$9,785,367.78

**SUNDAY**

10/27/19<sup>1</sup>

**RENNON RULING (case#19SA0219)**

The following ruling was issued after Owner RANDY RENNON dba "Summer Knights Stables, LLC", failed to show up for the scheduled hearing. Robert Mitchell (Bonnie Acres Ranch) filed a financial complaint against Mr. Rennon for unpaid farm bills (\$1,485.00).

**RULING LATC #028**

Owner RANDY RENNON, dba Summer Knights Stables, LLC, having failed to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita Park on October 26, 2019 to answer a complaint regarding case #19SA0219 alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility –Robert K. Mitchell – Bonnie Acres Ranch - \$985.00) is suspended pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). Suspension to commence on November 3, 2019.

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of RANDY RENNON are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend and Fine), RANDY RENNON is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

10/27/19<sup>2</sup>

**ARROYO RULING**

The following ruling was issued after Jockey NORBERTO ARROYO JR. failed to show up for his scheduled mount yesterday. Mr. Arroyo stated he had transportation issues (ran out of gasoline) and he wasn't unable to fulfill his obligation. Steward Sawyer voted for no penalty.

**RULING LATC #029**

Jockey NORBERTO ARROYO JR., who was scheduled to ride HOLLY HUNDY in the seventh race on October 26, 2019 at Santa Anita Park, is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement).

10/27/19<sup>3</sup>

**MENDEZ RULING**

We issued the following ruling after deliberating all the facts in the case #19SA0206 involving LUIS MENDEZ.

**RULING LATC #030**

Trainer LUIS MENDEZ, who worked out the horse LOOKIN FOR REVENGE for removal from the Veterinarian's List at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 14, 2019, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\*, pursuant to #1887(a) (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse), for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843(a)(d) (Medications, Drugs and Other Substances – Betamethasone [Class 4]), Rule #1843.1(a) (Prohibited Drug Substances) and Rule #1866 (Veterinarian's List).

10/27/19<sup>4</sup>

**SAYLER CITATION**

Trainer JAMES SAYLER contacted us this morning after he was cited by San Luis Rey Downs Security for not wearing a safety vest while mounted on a horse. Mr. Sayler stated that he was not on the track, and that it was the first time he has forgot to wear his vest. We unanimously voted to issue Mr. Sayler a warning.

10/27/19<sup>5</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey ABEL CEDILLO was in to review yesterday's seventh race, in which he was involved in a Steward's Inquiry. Mr. Cedillo shifted out, causing the outside horse to steady. Cedillo stated he made a mistake and promised to be more cautious in the future. We felt the incident was careless, and thus we issued a three-day suspension.

**LATC RULING #031**

Jockey ABEL CEDILLO , who rode KEEPER OF THE STARS in the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on October 26, 2019, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (November 3, 8, & 9, 2019), for altering course without sufficient clearance in the stretch and causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules-Careless Riding). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

10/27/19<sup>6</sup>

**BREEDERS' CUP MEETING**

Breeders' Cup staff scheduled a meeting to review protocols and the schedule for the two-day event. Present at the hearing were representatives from the California Horse Racing Board, CHRB Veterinarians, Breeders Cup Veterinarians, Breeders Cup Security Staff, NBC Production staff, Stronach Group, and the Board of Stewards. During the meeting, we reviewed opening day ceremonies, post times, scratch procedures, crisis management, entries, morning work outs, inquires/objections, injury management for horses and humans, and winner circle ceremonies.

10/27/19<sup>7</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS**

1st Race	No changes; Refund \$0
2nd Race	No changes; Refund \$23.50
3rd Race	No changes; Refund \$76.50; Minus Pool \$458.91
4th Race	#5 POWER SOURCE (IRE) - Veterinarian scratch- Grande, unsound #12 DEAN MARTINI- Stewards' scratch- enter back #13 TOO LATE- Stewards' scratch- enter back #14 WITCH'S VOW- Stewards' scratch- enter back. Refund \$1,607.90
5th Race	No changes; Refund \$95.00
6th Race	#1 PERFECTLY MAJESTIC - Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Stead, sick Refund \$909.16
7th Race	No changes; Refund \$39.00; Minus Pool \$714.63
8th Race	#5 STEALTHEDIAMONDS- J.C. Diaz replaces J. Velez, 2nd call/claimed by M. Puype, trainer #6 SHANGHAI TRUFFLES- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Farmer, injured #11 EDNA - Stewards' scratch- Also eligible #12 PACIFICA (FR) - Stewards' scratch- enter back. Refund \$2,171.80

10/27/19<sup>8</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	8,397	\$840,863.03
SCOTWinc	4,157	\$1,337,030.28
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,741,924.90
Total	12,554	\$6,919,818.21

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 10/21/19 TO 10/27/19**

Horses on Vet List	20
Horses off Vet List	8
Shock Wave Therapy	11
Fatalities	2
Medication	0

## **SUMMARY**

	Thurs 10/24	Fri 10/25	Sat 10/26	Sun 10/27	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	0	1	0	0	1	3
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	0	2	1	0	3	20
<b>Claims</b>	6	5	2	1	14	33
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	1	1	0	2	10
<b>Refunds</b>	7	7	9	7	30	103
<b>Rulings</b>	2	1	1	4	8	31
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	0	4

Respectfully submitted,

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Grant W. Baker, Steward

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Ron Church, Steward